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Haiti – Cholera

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated January 28, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On January 30, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited a USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)-funded cholera treatment facility (CTF) operated by grantee Partners in Health (PIH) near Ancien Aeroport Militaire displacement camp in Port-au-Prince. In a statement to the press, Secretary Clinton commended cholera response efforts to date and noted that while the cholera situation has improved significantly, CTFs continue to admit patients who require care, necessitating ongoing engagement.
- Since the cholera outbreak began, PIH has treated approximately 3,000 patients at the CTF visited by Secretary Clinton; the caseload of approximately 80 patients per day at the start of the outbreak has fallen to approximately 40 per day at present. The CTF has recorded only five deaths. PIH receives medical supplies from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) pipeline funded by USAID/OFDA.
- According to Government of Haiti (GoH) Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) figures, the number of daily hospitalizations is decreasing—from 515 hospitalizations on January 16 to 377 hospitalizations on January 30. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) indicates that an estimated 30 to 50 percent of individuals with cholera are receiving treatment at oral rehydration points (ORPs); these individuals exhibit less severe symptoms or are prevented from becoming severe by having access to immediate treatment. USAID/OFDA has funded nearly 130 ORPs throughout Haiti.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Overall Cholera Caseload	216,938	MSPP – January 30, 2011
Hospitalized Cases	119,894	MSPP – January 30, 2011
Deaths Due to Cholera	4,120	MSPP – January 30, 2011
Overall CFR¹	1.9 percent	MSPP – January 30, 2011

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE FOR CHOLERA

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for Cholera.....	\$40,489,916
USAID/OTI ² Assistance to Haiti for Cholera.....	\$1,655,474
USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for Cholera ³	\$2,015,000
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$44,160,390

CONTEXT

- On October 22, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten issued a disaster declaration due to the cholera outbreak. On October 26, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to coordinate USAID/OFDA emergency response efforts with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OTI, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); provide technical assistance to the MSPP; and support relief agencies' response activities. USAID also stood up a Response Management Team (RMT) in Washington, D.C., to support the USAID/DART in Haiti and coordinate with the USAID Haiti Task Team (HTT). The USAID/DART transitioned to a Haiti program office on January 27 and the RMT transitioned to a Latin America and Caribbean expanded regional team on January 28.
- USAID/OFDA's emergency cholera response plan focused on preventing cholera cases, reducing the number of cases requiring hospitalization, and reducing the CFR. The plan included four elements: provision of chlorine to increase availability of safe drinking water; expansion of national hygiene education outreach; provision of sachets of oral rehydration salts and medical supplies; and an increase in the number of CTFs, particularly in underserved and rural areas.
- USAID/OFDA recognizes that cholera will likely remain present in Haiti for several years and that the rainy and hurricane seasons may cause additional caseload spikes. USAID/OFDA program office staff remain in Haiti to

¹ Case Fatality Rate (CFR)

² USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

³ USAID/Haiti has pre-existing, long-term health programs that have been an integral part of the cholera response; these programs have also continued normal activities. The USAID/Haiti funding levels represent estimated amounts for one month of FY 2010 resources expended on the cholera response. The funding is based on an estimate of the program spending rate and percentage of resources expended on the cholera response.

monitor the evolving humanitarian situation, enhance coordination, monitor ongoing USAID/OFDA-funded response activities, and adjust programming in response to evolving conditions on the ground. USAID/OFDA is working closely with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OTI, CDC, and the humanitarian community to coordinate efforts and facilitate a smooth transition from emergency relief activities to development programming.

Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- While the USAID/DART demobilized on January 27 due to a sustained stabilization of the rate of new cholera cases and CFRs, USAID/OFDA program office staff continue to conduct assessments of humanitarian needs and conditions resulting from the cholera outbreak, meet with grantees, and monitor grantee activities.
- On January 31, USAID/OFDA staff traveled to Northeast Department to observe USAID/OFDA-funded cholera response activities implemented by grantee IOM in the town of Quanamithe, the primary border crossing with the Dominican Republic (DR) in northern Haiti. Given heavy border traffic, particularly on Monday and Friday market days, IOM has set up ORPs and hand-washing stations in the market areas. IOM mobile communication teams conduct information dissemination and hygiene promotion activities in the market areas and surrounding communities. IOM staff reported that the rate of new cases at the ORPs continues to decrease since a peak in December. USAID/OFDA staff observed significant use of IOM hand-washing stations by people from the market.
- IOM also provides household decontamination through chlorine spraying at houses where cholera cases have occurred; IOM works with relief agency Merlin, which runs the CTF in Quanamithe and other CTFs in the area, to identify locations requiring decontamination. Merlin staff reported ongoing concern regarding cholera incidence in difficult-to-access mountainous areas. Merlin is working with the MSPP and other relief agencies to expand CTF coverage and activities by mobile teams in these areas.
- From the Haitian side of the border, USAID/OFDA staff observed significant efforts by DR authorities to limit the spread of the disease into the DR, including placement of a hand-washing station and chlorine bath on the heavily trafficked bridge, as well as chlorine spraying of all crossing vehicles and examination of all people entering the DR for a longer-term stay. Staff from IOM's USAID/OFDA-funded program work closely with DR authorities to coordinate efforts.

Logistics and Relief Commodities

- On February 1 and 2, USAID/OFDA staff assessed IOM warehouse capacity and prospects for warehouse expansion in Port-de-Paix, Northwest Department, and Cap Haïtien, North Department. IOM distributes USAID/OFDA-funded cholera relief commodities from warehouse space leased from the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) in Cap Haïtien and from its own warehouse in Port-de-Paix, as well as from WFP warehouses throughout Haiti.
- With USAID/OFDA support, IOM is developing a plan to operate additional warehouses of its own throughout Haiti to continue to decentralize operations and commodity storage from the primary IOM warehouse in Port-au-Prince. USAID/OFDA staff accompanied IOM and WFP staff on inspections of several potential sites in Port-de-Paix and Cap Haïtien. IOM is also planning to establish independent warehouses in Les Cayes, South Department; Jacmel, Southeast Department; and Gonaïves, Artibonite Department.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA

FY 2011			
<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	WASH	Artibonite, Northwest Departments	\$925,000
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Health, WASH	West Department	\$1,144,166
CARE	Health, WASH	Grand Anse Department	\$985,481
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Health	Artibonite, Grand Anse, Nippes, North, Northwest, South, West Departments	\$1,417,527
CDC	Health	Affected Areas	\$275,000

Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)	WASH	Artibonite	\$400,096
Concern	WASH	Center, West Departments	\$624,942
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, North, Northeast, Northwest, South, Southeast, West Departments	\$7,285,583
IOM	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Artibonite, North, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, West Departments	\$4,600,000
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$7,800,000
Management Sciences for Health (MSH)	Health	Affected Areas	\$825,617
Mercy Corps	WASH	Center Department	\$925,013
PIH	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, and West Departments	\$1,500,000
Samaritan's Purse (SP)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	West Department	\$2,869,431
Save the Children (SC)	Health, WASH	West Department	\$825,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Health	West Department	\$364,180
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)/ Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$635,580
	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$5,410,544
	Administrative Costs		\$176,756
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$40,489,916
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Implementing Partners	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Affected Areas	\$1,655,474
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$1,655,474
FY 2010			
<i>Program</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE²			
Community Health and AIDS Mitigation Project (CHAMP)	Community Health Services	Countrywide	\$198,000

Leadership, Management, and Sustainability Program (LMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$185,000
PROMARK	Health, Public Outreach	Countrywide	\$232,000
Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$600,000
Health for the Development and Stability of Haiti (SDSH)	Essential Health Services	Countrywide	\$800,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI			\$2,015,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA			\$44,160,390

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 4, 2011.

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PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for cholera efforts in Haiti can be found at www.interaction.org. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Haiti may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int